

MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Taddiken at 8:30 A.M. on February 15, 2005 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research  
Lisa Montgomery, Office of Revisor of Statues  
Jacqui Jones, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Constantine Cotsoradis, Assistant Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA)

Others attending:

See an attached list.

Minutes of February 8, 2005 were distributed to the Committee. Chairman Taddiken advised the Committee that he would be asking for approval of the minutes at the end of the meeting.

At this point Chairman Taddiken asked the Committee and they agreed to work **SB-113 - which raises the registration fees for soil amendment products.** Senator Pine moved, seconded by Senator Francisco that the bill be passed. There was no discussion. The motion carried and the bill passed.

Chairman Taddiken asked Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department, 00t00000o give an overview of **SB-219 - creating the Pest Control Compact** to the Committee.

Assistant Secretary Constantine Cotsoradis, KDA testified in support of **SB-219** which allows the adoption of model language taken from the Interstate Pest Control Compact, thereby allowing KDA to keep voting privileges. Presently, KDA is a dues-paying member with full voting rights, but stands to lose those rights if the model language is not adopted.

Mr. Cotsoradis stated that an important reason for membership in the Interstate Pest Control Compact is prevention of plant pests from entering and becoming established in Kansas. A voting member will be able to participate fully in the compact and ensure the state receives possible needed assistance in the future (Attachment 1).

The Assistant Secretary stood for questions.

Chairman Taddiken closed the hearing and heard the wishes of the Committee to work the bill today.

Senator Francisco moved to pass **SB-219** favorably. The motion was seconded by Senator Pine and passed unanimously.

Chairman Taddiken asked the Committee to approve the minutes of February 8, 2005. **Senator Schmidt moved, seconded by Senator Morris, that the minutes of February 8, 2005 be approved.**

Chairman Taddiken closed the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

The next meeting of the Agriculture Committee will be held on February 16, 2005.





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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
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**Testimony on Senate Bill 219  
to  
The Senate Committee on Agriculture**

**by Constantine V. Cotsoradis  
Assistant Secretary  
Kansas Department of Agriculture**

**February 15, 2005**

Good morning Chairman Taddiken and members of the committee. I am Constantine Cotsoradis, assistant secretary of agriculture, and I am here to testify in support of SB 219.

This is a very long bill but its purpose is simple. We are adopting model language from the Interstate Pest Control Compact that will allow us to keep our voting privileges. We currently are a dues-paying member with full voting rights, but we could lose our right to vote if we do not adopt the model language in statute.

Membership in the Interstate Pest Control Compact is important to prevent plant pests from entering and becoming established in Kansas. The Interstate Pest Control Compact bridges jurisdictional gaps between member states by providing financial and other assistance to prevent pests from spreading from the state where they are first detected to other states. Being a voting member means we are able to participate fully in the compact and are better able to ensure that Kansas receives the assistance we may need in the future.

SB 219 does not change anything about the state's program, and it does not cause us to incur any additional costs. The bill simply allows Kansas to keep its voting status.

Thank you. I will gladly stand for questions at the appropriate time.

Senate Agriculture Committee

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